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Curriculum Vitae

Contact Info

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Education

M.A., Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Sociology, 2023
Thesis Title: "The Impact of Race and Sociopolitical Ideology on Perceptions of Police Racial Discrimination" Chair: Dr. Ezra Temko; Committee: Dr. Florence Maätita, Dr. Carlee Beth Hawkins
GPA: 4.0

B.S., Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Psychology and Sociology, 2021
Concentration: Diversity & Social Justice
Spanish Language Focus
Magna Cum Laude
GPA: 3.8

Research and Teaching Interests

Race and Ethnicity; Police Reform; Gender Studies; Social Inequalities; Intersectionality

Positions Held

Instructor. Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). 2023-Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Sociology, SIUE. 2021-2023

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Psychology, SIUE. 2020

Social-Emotional Wellness Team Member. Department of Psychology, SIUE. 2018

Courses Taught

SOC 411: *Social Movements*, SIUE.
Reviews the emergence, endurance, and outcomes of social movement activism mainly in the US. Looks at the theory and empirical realities, paying special attention to political opportunity structures, internal mobilizing structures, and cultural approaches.

SOC 391: *Marriage & Family*, SIUE.
Addresses marriage and the family in American society. Includes relevant topics such as gender roles, dating and mate selection, love and intimacy, alternative family forms, communication/conflict, and divorce/remarriage, underscored by intersectionality.

SOC 325: *Creating Social Change*, SIUE.

Discusses strategies for grassroots organizing and advocacy through interactive workshops. Sociological contexts of methods and institutional structures in community and social justice endeavors with a focus on theory, research, and practice.

SOC 308: *Women & Gender in Society*, SIUE.

Sociological and intersectional feminist perspectives on gender and sexual minorities in American society with an emphasis on institutions that create, maintain, and reproduce gender and gender inequality. Includes topics pertaining to gender, sex, and sexuality.

SOC 304: *Race & Ethnicity*, SIUE.

Examines racial and ethnic identity formation and its implications in the U.S. Includes inequities, interaction and conflict, status, prejudice, and discrimination, from an intersectional perspective.

SOC 111: *Introduction to Sociology*, SIUE.

Explores changes in, causes, and consequences of group life. Scientific and humanistic study of social processes and institutions, including change, control, religion, education, inequality, health, and family.

Service

Sociology Graduate Student Ambassador, Department of Sociology, SIUE. 2022-2023

Honors, Awards, and Certifications

Professional:

ACUE Course in Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment, Association of College and University Educators. 2024

Graduate:

Sociology Best Graduate Thesis, SIUE. 2024

Paper Title: "The Impact of Race and Sociopolitical Ideology on Perceptions of Police Racial Discrimination"

Undergraduate:

Magna Cum Laude Graduate, SIUE. 2021

Honors Scholar Program, SIUE. 2016-2020

Dean's List, SIUE. 2016-2020

Second Place, Phi Kappa Phi Undergraduate Paper Competition, SIUE. 2020

Paper Title: "Biases Within the Criminal Justice System Against Black Adolescents in Schools"

Undergraduate Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi, SIUE. 2019

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honors Society, SIUE. 2019

Psi Chi, International Psychology Honors Society, SIUE. 2017

Phi Eta Sigma, National Honors Society, SIUE. 2016